

## Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 05640 220226Z

67

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 USIA-15 TRSE-00

SAJ-01 SS-20 NSC-10 OMB-01 ACDA-19 DRC-01 MC-02 /134 W

----- 057182

R 212200Z NOV 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2820

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 3470

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

USLOSACLANT

CINCLANT

S E C R E T USNATO 5640

E.O. 11652: GDS 12/31/81

TAGS: MCAP, PINR,NATO, XF

SUBJ: NAC MEETING NOV 21: INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

REF: STATE 229364

SUMMARY. NOV 21 INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING GIVEN TO NAC BY IMS  
REP FOCUSED ON WARSAW PACT CAPABILITES; BRIEFING INCLUDED  
LIMITED COVERAGE OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM MIDDLE EAST WAR.  
PERMREPS' QUESTIONS CENTERED ON SOVIET AIRLIFT AND SEA  
RESUPPLY CAPABILITY AND THEIR EFFECT ON WARNING TIME AVAILABLE  
TO NATO. MC REP SAID TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS FROM MIDDLE EAST  
WAR SUPPORTED ALLIED DEFENSE PLANS FOR THE 1970'S (AD-70).  
END SUMMARY.

1. INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING GIVEN TO NAC NOV 21 BY INTERNATIONAL  
MILITARY STAFF DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE (GENERAL FOURNAIS)  
FOCUSED ON WARSAW PACT CAPABILITES. BRIEFING EMPHASIZED  
SOVIETS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THEIR LONG TERM AIMS TO EXPAND  
THEIR MILITARY CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE, DESPITE UNOBTRUSIVE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 05640 220226Z

ATTITUDE MAINTAINED UNTIL OUTBREAK OF MIDDLE EAST WAR. SUMMARY  
OF BRIEFING FOLLOWS.

2. MIDDLE EAST WAR WAS AN EXAMPLE OF LENIN'S THEORY OF "FIGHTING BY PROXY". SOVIETS WERE QUICK TO CAPITALIZE ON SITUATION WHILE DENYING IT WAS OF THEIR MAKING. RECENT ACTIONS OF THE ARAB NATIONS OVER OIL ARE WORKING TO THE SOVIETS' BENEFIT BECAUSE OF LONG TERM EFFECT ON WEST'S INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY.

3. SOVIET DEMONSTRATION OF INCREASED AIRLIFT CAPACITY AND CONCENTRATION OF NAVAL FORCES SHOWS THEIR ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO USE MILITARY POTENTIAL WHENEVER IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO DO SO.

4. OTHER SOVIET ACTIVITIES REFLECT THEIR REJUVENATION OF MILITARY COMMAND, CONTINUED STANDARDIZATION OF OPERATING PROCEDURES, AND INCREASED EMPHASIS ON AIR TO GROUND SUPPORT OPERATIONS. DEPLOYMENT OF FLOGGERS, FOXBATS AND BEAR TYPE AIRCRAFT IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF EXPANDING SOVIET INFLUENCE. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM IS THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF THE USE OF SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE IN WAR. FINALLY, THE BRIEFING COVERED THE PROGRESS IN NEW EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY TANGO AND UNIFORM SUBMARINES, AND NEW ICBMS INCLUDING MIRVS.

5. COMMENTS. PERMREPS' QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED TOWARD SOVIET ABILITY TO MASS NAVAL FORCES AND SUSTAIN AN INCREASED AIRLIFT CAPABILITY. MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (ADM MINTER) HIGHLIGHTED QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS OF SOVIET FORCES. HE STRESSED THE IMPACT OF IMPROVED SOVIET SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, ANTITANK CAPABILITY, AND ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES ON NATO'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO AGGRESSION. HE ATTRIBUTED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF REDUCED WARNING TIME BECAUSE OF SOVIETS' IMPROVED AIRLIFT CAPABILITY. HE CONCLUDED THAT EVIDENCE SUPPORTS NATO'S AD-70 MEASURES AS VALID. CATALANO (ITALY) ASKED IF PAYLOADS FOR THE AIRLIFT COULD BE IDENTIFIED ALONG WITH TONS CARRIED. FOURNAIS INDICATED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE PAYLOAD EXACTLY; HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED SOVIETS AIRLIFTED 15,000 TONS OF MISSILES, TANKS, MIG AIRCRAFT AND AMMUNITION. HE SOLICITED ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS ON AIRLIFT FROM ALLIES. DE ROSE (FRANCE) ASKED

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 NATO 05640 220226Z

WHETHER SOVIET AIRLIFT CAPABILITY DEMONSTRATED A NEED TO REVISE THE WARNING TIMES OF 7, 23 AND 30 DAYS COMMONLY USED IN NATO. FOURNAIS REPLIED THAT INTELLIGENCE GAINED FROM SOVIET EXERCISE PROGRAMS INDICATES NATO MIGHT EXPECT A SHORT WARNING TIME. SYG LUNS COMPARED WARNING RECEIVED IN MIDDLE EAST WAR TO WHAT NATO MIGHT RECEIVE AND INDICATED THAT WARNING OF THE ATTACK ON ISRAEL WAS AVAILABLE TO THE ISRAELIS ON SEPT 28 IN THE FORM OF SYRIAN FORCES MASSING ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

6. TEXT OF BRIEFING FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. RUMSFELD

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 02 APR 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 NOV 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** boyleja  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973NATO05640  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** 11652 GDS 12/31/81  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** NATO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731165/abqcedlk.tel  
**Line Count:** 111  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** n/a  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** STATE 229364  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** boyleja  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 AUG 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <03-Oct-2001 by boyleja>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NAC MEETING NOV 21: INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING  
**TAGS:** MCAF, PINR,NATO, XF  
**To:** STATE  
SECDEF INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS  
USNMR SHAPE  
USCINCEUR  
USLOSACLANT  
CINCLANT  
**Type:** TE

**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005